



Dedication to both Soldier and job

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MNC-I PAO

Sexual harassment, racial, gender and religious discrimination, and out right persecution are things that a servicemember should never have to deal with, but on occasion they do.

For this very reason, the Department of Defense has ensured there are trained advisors to help the servicemembers resolve and prevent these issues from happening. Advisors like Sgt. 1st Class Marjorie M. Irby, equal opportunity advisor, Task Force Adler.

Irby, always considering others, joined the military in support of a friend.

"She came from a really poverty stricken life and had no where to go upon graduation, so she decided to join the Army. I had a scholarship to attend college but, I really didn't want her to go out there on her own," said Irby, a native of Lafayette, Louisiana. "She didn't want me to do it, but I chose to tell her that I was tired of school anyway. So, we came in under the 'buddy system'."

After 20 years of service she says she has few regrets.

Her service in the military has been centered on other Soldiers. As an EOA, her job is to help her fellow Soldiers in some of the most intimate areas

of their lives, such as sexual harassment, sexual assault and discrimination of any sort.

"EOA's fill a permanent duty; it is not an additional duty. Every day is different, and there is no standardized schedule," said Irby. "Sometimes I'm called to speak to someone well past 11 p.m. I am on call 24 hours."

Irby has always wanted to be an EOA. She just didn't know exactly how the program worked; however, she did know that she wanted to help her fellow Soldiers.

"I wanted to help others. As a young Soldier I really didn't know much about the EO program in the military, other than associating it with sexual harassment. It's so much more than that though," said Irby.

As an EOA she assists her entire chain-of-command in maintaining a positive EO climate. That is to assist them in recognizing and remedying any discriminatory behaviors and sexual harassment issues or concerns.

"I love every aspect of what I do," said Irby. "When a soldier returns to me and says 'Thanks Sergeant First Class Irby for your help,' or thanks for just listening, that is my reward."

According to those who work closely with Irby, she is more than qualified for her position.



Sgt. 1st Class Marjorie M. Irby, equal opportunity advisor, Task Force Adler, demonstrates communications skills during the Equal Opportunity Course here, March 13.

"She is dedicated to all Soldiers and her job," said Sgt. 1st Class Evarlean Rumph, EOA, 30th Medical Brigade. "Her personality and willingness to help is what sets her apart and makes her irreplaceable."

Irby seems to never quit working. At the gym, chow hall, bus stop, or anywhere else she is always influencing and helping Soldiers, according to Rumph.

"Her enthusiasm and dedication is contagious," said Sgt. 1st Class Chris Balduf, EOA, Multi-National Corps-Iraq. "I can't imagine anyone who wouldn't like Sergeant First Class Irby."

Along with helping others, Irby mentors and teaches future EOR's.

"I'm one of the six instructors in the Equal Opportunity Representative Course," said Irby. "I'm also there to assist the students with their guided discussions."

She also holds the position of Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, one of the first lines of help when reporting a sexual assault case.

"I'm always talking to Soldiers and letting them know that I'm here," said Irby. "It's so important that they know who I am, so I make it a personal commitment to let them know and see me."

According to her peers, Irby is the same on and off work.

"It's almost as if she never quits working," said Rumph. "Her will to help never ceases, and her ability to reach the Soldiers on their level makes a big difference."

Her professionalism and dedication to duty are what draws people to her and enables her to be successful in her missions.

"My mother always said you have two choices in life, be a part of the problem or be a part of the solution," said Irby. "I volunteered for the 15-week EOA course, I'm passionate about my work and I love what I do. Now here I am and I'm not looking back."

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Chaplain's Corner

Sowing Seeds and Reaping Harvest



Chaplain (Maj.)
Charles M. Herring

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.
Galatians 6:7

When I first looked at this scripture I immediately thought of images that pertain to life on the farm. The farmer is on his tractor sowing wheat or corn making long straight furrows. Later the farmer is on his harvester going down those same furrows with the grain shooting into the grain truck along side. Then I started to see what this verse can mean to us as Soldiers.

This scripture is not a threat. This scripture is more than a promise. This scripture is a statement of principle. A principle according to the dictionary is an important underlying law or assumption required in a system of thought; an ethical standard of moral or ethical decision making. Soldiers deal with principle every day.

Our tour of duty here will not last forever. Sometimes it feels like forever! We know pretty much when we are leaving and returning home to family and friends. But long or short, good or bad, most of us in the armed forces will eventually be back home and some on to civilian life. Not only Iraq but the world will reap the harvest of our time here; each individual Soldier will reap the harvest of his or her own thoughts, words, deeds, aspirations, attitude, failures, and successes during this deployment.

There are constant and recurring temptations to lose our faith in God and our fellow Soldiers, to surrender our ambitions and principles, to abandon our faith and morals. One Soldier put it this way, "Chaplain, I'm tempted all day long to take the short-cut, to not complete my mission in accordance with the Army Values. I want to sow the good seed not weeds." One of the things that makes us better than animals is our ability to look ahead and to determine, to decide our conduct, commitment and courage today, on the basis of what is to be tomorrow, next week, next year, a thousand years from now.

Think of yourself in the next few years to come. Hold tight to your faith, as you will wish in a later time that you had done. Continue to resist temptation today in such a way that you can rejoice in your victories ten years from now. Keep yourself as spiritually clean as you would like to be when you look into the eyes of a pure and faithful spouse in a better day than this. Be true to your after-self. By your life today do not curse, but bless the person you are to be when the war is over.

With temptations all around us that would separate us from our good-self I can lift my voice in prayer to my Father in Heaven: Father, keep me powerfully fit and spiritually clean during these days when all manners of temptation and personal and spiritual danger surround me. Help me to fight and win the war against evil without and within, with faith in Thee, the Supreme Soldier and commander of my life. Lead me through this war with nothing to be ashamed of in personal and professional conduct. Amen.

Camp Victory Three-day forecast

Friday



Sunny
High: 78 F
Low: 54 F

Saturday



Sunny
High: 79 F
Low: 55 F

Sunday



Sunny
High: 82 F
Low: 57 F

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MARCH MADNESS

Guest picker:



Sgt. Maj. Paul Stevenson
sergeant major/ MNC-I PAO

2006 NCAA
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Vs.

Expert:



Spc. Brian J. Anderson
editor/ MNC-I PAO

Texas A&M	(5) Syracuse vs. (12) Texas A&M	Syracuse
Kentucky	(8) Kentucky vs. (9) UAB	UAB
Michigan State	(6) Michigan State vs. (11) George Mason	George Mason
Arizona	(8) Arizona vs. (9) Wisconsin	Wisconsin
Nevada	(5) Nevada vs. (12) Montana	Montana
Oklahoma	(6) Oklahoma vs. (11) UW-Milwaukee	UW-Milwaukee

In Tuesday's publication, the guest picker, Sgt. Maj. Paul Stevenson, and the expert, Spc. Brian J. Anderson's picks were switched. The results will be published in Saturday's paper. Saturday's guest picker will be Staff Sgt. Jason Baker, production chief, public affairs office, Multi-National Corps-Iraq.

ARMED FORCES ENTERTAINMENT
PRESENTS A NIGHT OF COMEDY

kathygriffin

FIRING AT WILL

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COMING TO A THEATER NEAR YOU.

Get ready for some rapid fire humor. Celebrity-mocking stand up comedian Kathy Griffin, who has appeared on hit TV shows *Suddenly Susan*, *Seinfeld* and is the star of Bravo's hit series *Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List*, comes together with Jap's Karri Turner and *MadTV*'s Michael McDonald to unload some dishy comedy that will have everyone exploding with laughter.

Appearing Live at the Victory Base Complex

- Meet and Greet, Camp Striker, Saturday, March 18, 1 p.m.
- Performance, Liberty West LSA MWR, Saturday, March 18, 7 p.m.
- Performance, Camp Victory Stage, Sunday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.

ARMED FORCES ENTERTAINMENT

898th Medical Detachment (PM)

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TEAM CERTIFICATION
TRAINING

MARCH 27-30

WE HAVE 30 SEATS IN THIS
CLASS, THEY WILL BE GIVEN
FIRST COME FIRST SERVE.

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WARNING!

STOP MEANS STOP !

**OBEY THE TRAFFIC
SIGNS !!**

**The life you save may be your
own. GO Home Alive!**



40 Soldiers from one unit reenlist

Photo by Lance Cpl. Drew Hendricks, MNC-I PAO

Sgt. Mark Riendeau, infantryman, 152 Maintenance Company GS, and native of Brunswick, Maine accepts his reenlistment certificate during a reenlistment ceremony at Camp Victory, March 12.

Riendeau was one of 40 Soldiers who reenlisted during the ceremony.

The 152nd has had a large percentage of Soldiers reenlisting. Out of 93 eligible Soldiers 75 have reenlisted.

MNC-I Combat Patch

Photo by Lance Cpl. Drew Hendricks, MNC-I PAO



Staff Sgt. Richard Flores, squad leader, places the Multi-National Corps-Iraq combat patch, on Sgt. Jacqueline Sharp, during a Shoulder Sleeve Insignia-Former Wartime Service ceremony here, Wednesday.

"We wanted to do this ceremony so that it would be something memorable for them," said 1st Sgt. Corey Gill, first sergeant, HHC, MNC-I. "They've earned it, this is a big accomplishment for them."

Today is a day of pride for the unit and its soldiers according to Lt. Col. Mark J. Gorton, commanding officer, HHC, MNC-I. This ceremony recognized the accomplishments and sacrifices of the Soldiers of HHC, MNC-I, as well as upholding a long standing tradition.

Your Tax Questions Answered

Benjamin Franklin once said, "In this world nothing is certain but death and taxes." That may be true, but the Internal Revenue Service has made one other thing certain for servicemembers and civilian personnel deployed to combat zones in support of the Armed Forces: they are eligible for a filing extension.

These extensions are automatic, except if you have a current payment agreement. If you choose to notify the Internal Revenue Service of your deployment, or if you are required to do so because you have a current payment agreement, you can do so in one of two ways. First, you, your spouse, or an authorized agent or representative can notify the IRS through a special email address: combatzone@irs.gov. You, your spouse, or your authorized agent or representative will need to provide your name, home address, date of birth and date of deployment to the combat zone. You can also notify the IRS of your deployment if you receive a notice in the mail by returning the notice marked with the words "Combat Zone" and the date of deployment.

The extension for servicemembers serving in a combat zone delays the deadline for filing federal tax returns. This means that servicemembers have 180 days after either the last day of qualifying combat zone service or the last day of any continuous qualified hospitalization for injury from the combat zone, whichever is later. In addition, the filing deadline for servicemembers who arrived in the combat zone prior to April 15, 2006 is extended by the number of days that were left before April 15 when the servicemember arrived in Kuwait on the way to Iraq.

This filing deadline extension applies to spouses as well, with two exceptions. A spouse of a servicemember serving in a combat zone is not entitled to an extension for any period during which the servicemember is hospitalized in the United States for injuries incurred in the combat zone or contingency operation. Spouses of servicemembers serving in combat zones are also not entitled to the extension for any tax year beginning more than two years after the date that Iraq ceases to be a combat zone (as declared by the President).

If you wish to file your taxes or have questions you can stop by the Tax Center located in the Learning Center on Camp Victory, bldg. 27b. The Tax Center is available on a walk-in basis Monday and Friday mornings from 9 a.m. until noon. You should bring with you your W-2's and know the date you arrived in the combat zone (Kuwait). If you wish to have your tax refund, if any, directly deposited into your bank account, you should also bring your account information with you. With this information the Tax Center can assist you in electronically filing your 1040EZ Federal Income Tax return and in preparing your individual State Income Tax return for mailing.

Letters from home

Congratulations Sgt. John Sklaney, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 49th Military Police Brigade, on your promotion. We are all very Proud of you!!! Please be safe and come home soon.

We Love You! Natalie, Joey and Jared

Operating hours

Coalition Cafe

Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Dinner 5:30 - 8 p.m.
Midnight Dining 11 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Sports Oasis

Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Dinner 5:30 - 9 p.m.

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Camp Liberty Post Exchange

Everyday 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Fitness Center

Open 24 Hours

Post Office

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

Golby Troop Medical Clinic

Sick Call Hours:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - noon

Dental Sick Call:

Monday - Friday 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Saturday 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Mental Health Clinic:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. - noon

Post Deployment Health Briefings:

Monday - Friday 1 p.m.

Pharmacy:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon, 1 - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 7:30 a.m. - noon

Legal Assistance/Claims

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Friday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Personnel Service Support Centers

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Sunday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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